

# MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

TWENTIETH DAY

Friday, 1st April 1960.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at 10.30 of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI S. R. KANTHI, B.A., LL.B.) in the Chair.

## STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

### Profit earned by the Sale of Iron Ore in Bellary District.

\*Q.—72. Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Hospet).—

Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the percentage of the profit passed on by State Trading Corporation to the Mysore Government towards the purchase of Iron ore from the mines of Bellary District;

(b) the amount of royalty obtained from the iron ore of Bellary District by the State Government in each of the years since 1953 October 1st;

(c) the expenditure incurred by the State Government to collect the royalty;

(d) the amount spent by the State Government in each of the years following 1st October 1953 for the formation and maintenance of roads from the various mines to the main roads?

A.—SRI K. F. PATIL (Minister for Forest and Transport).—

(a) No percentage of the profit earned by the State Trading Corporation has been passed on the State Government. However, the State Trading Corporation has sanctioned a grant of Rs. 1.8 crores towards improvement of roads in the State.

(b)—

	Rs.
1953	1,34,468
1954	1,31,486
1955	2,87,903
1956	1,84,322
1957	2,48,543
1958	4,65,019

(c) As no separate staff was maintained exclusively for the purpose of collection of royalty, separate figures of expenditure for collection of royalty are not available.

(d) Nil.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—In answer to (d) it is stated that no amount is spent for the formation and maintenance of roads. May I know, because they have got Rs. 10 or 15 lakhs in all as royalty, whether the Government would now spend enough money at least some money, a very small fraction of this money to form the road from the mines to the Main Road and also to improve the roads in Hospet municipality which are very badly damaged by this iron ore traffic?

SRI K. F. PATIL.—That is a suggestion for action.

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Regarding (a) the answer is that no profit has been transferred to the State Government. I ask whether the State Government is not entitled to some share in the profit of this business in which the important material is the iron ore of this State.

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—The trade is the monopoly of the State Trading Corporation, as also the percentage of profit.

**Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.**—When the Government of Mysore agreed to sell all iron ore through the State Trading Corporation, did they press the claims of the State for a reasonable share of profit?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—It is being pressed. Negotiations are almost complete now.

**Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.**—My question was, whether at the time the Government of Mysore agreed to this State Trading Corporation taking over Mysore iron ore trade itself, did they put a condition or a clause or did they stipulate any condition even before handing over the business to the State Trading Corporation?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—It is a monopoly trade entrusted to the State Trading Corporation.

**Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.**—I know that it is a monopoly trade. But may I know whether the Government of Mysore thought of imposing any conditions in view of what the Government would have lost or gained if the State Trading Corporation had not taken over the business?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—Immediately after this agreement, since the first year, that is, 1958, the Government is pressing and negotiations are being held and they are almost complete.

**Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.**—If the Government of Mysore itself had undertaken the export trade of iron ore, what profit would have been made, what would have been their share of profit?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—That could not be imagined.

**Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.**—May I know whether our Government has any idea of the amount of profit that the State Trading Corporation has made in these few years on the 14 or 15 lakhs of tons of iron ore?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—The Mysore State is exploiting the iron ore only from 1958 and for all three years it is only

the private parties that are selling the iron ore and we are entitled to recover royalty. It is only from two years that Government has come in the picture to exploit iron ore and we are not in a position to know the exact profit the S.T.C. is getting.

**Sri C. K. RAJIAH SETTY.**—The Minister was pleased to say that negotiations had been held. May I know the type of negotiations held: is it for the profits that the State Trading Corporation is making out of the private sector supply or by the Government's supply?

**Sri K. F. PATIL.**—How can we go by the private sector? It is the Government sector.

### Eviction of Person unauthorisedly occupying Government Land in Kollegal Taluk.

\*Q—152. **Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA** (Palaiyam).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of wealthy pattadars have unauthorisedly occupied Government lands in Kollegal Taluk, and are enjoying the same;

(b) the number of such pattadars who have been evicted so far;

(c) the steps they have taken to evict all such wealthy pattadars from such encroachments?

A.—**Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes, from periods ranging from 2 to 10 years.

(b) Nil.

(c) Action under Takrar Taktha has been taken in 2087 cases and will be pursued.

**Sri G. VENKATAI GOWDA.**—Is it not a fact that a special staff has been appointed about two years ago to evict these wealthy pattadars and distribute the land to the landless poor?

†**Sri KADIDAL MANJAPPA.**—Quite so.